

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6578

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MZ, RH

SUBJECT: ZIPA RELEASES MORE INFORMATION ON ATTACK AGAINST  
RHODESIAN BASE

REF: 77 MAPUTO 1548

1. NOTICIAS JANUARY 5 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORY GIVING MORE DETAILS ON ALLAGED ZIPA ATTACK AGAINST RHODESIAN AIR BASE NEAR UMTALI ON DECEMBER 17. PRESS RELEASE CLAIMED THAT ZANLA FORCES DESTROYED TWENTY MILITARY AIRCRAFT, TWO ARMORED CARS, EIGHTEEN TRUCKS AND TWO GASOLINE STORAGE TANKS. COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID THAT ZANU FORCES CAUSED POWER FAILURE IN UMTALI ON THE NIGHT OF THE ATTACK BY CUTTING THE ELECTRICAL LINES BETWEEN SALISBURY AND UMTALI. COMMUNIQUE ASSERTED THAT THE SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THE GRAND REEF AIR BASE WAS AN INDICATION OF THE "INCREASED POLITICAL AWARENESS AND TECHNICAL ABILITY OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS."

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2. COMMENT: CONTINUING REPORTS OF ZANU'S SUCCESSES IN RHODESIA ARE DESIGNED TO DISPEL NOTION THAT ZANU WAS SERIOUSLY HURT BY  
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LATE NOVEMBER RAIDS AGAINST ZANLA CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

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## Message Attributes

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